

LIVELY TIME PROMISED OVER THE PANAMA CANAL

MEMBERS OF HOUSE COMMITTEE MAY ADVOCATE THAT THE COMMISSION BE ABOLISHED—USELESS EXPENDITURE OF MONEY.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A telegram to the Inter-Ocean from Washington City, says: There promises to be something of a row over the Panama Canal Commission when congress resumes its sessions.

The members of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce who visited Panama and inspected the canal are in favor of dispensing with the expensive commission and leaving the construction of the canal to Chief Engineer Wallace, under the direction of the Secretary of War.

Wallace Fully Capable.

They believe that Mr. Wallace is more capable of making plans for the work than the commission, and that two such executive powers will only conflict and delay the construction of the canal.

Rear Admiral Walker, president of the commission, is ready to fight, and his associates on the commission will appeal to the senate to save them and their power.

It is intimated that Secretary Taft is in favor of one man power and making the administration of Engineer Wallace directly responsible to the war department and the president.

It is further intimated that the president is disappointed in the commission. It is expected that the senators who secured the appointment of the commissioners will do all in their power to protect and continue them in office.

Plain Talk Promised.

The contest promises to be a lively one, and there may be some plain talk in debate which will reflect on the commissioners, especially Admiral Walker and the others who were members of the former commission to report on the various canal routes.

Senators and representatives who visited Panama a few weeks ago complain that congress was "buncoed" by that commission, which reported the 50-foot level canal feasible at Panama, when they did not know whether the proposed Bahia dam could be built or not.

Deny Survey Was Made.

These gentlemen deny that the commission even made a thorough survey of the Chagres river and the Bahia dam. They say that Engineer Wal-

lace is now making the first thorough survey of that project which hinges the lock canal at a 90-foot level, and so far Wallace has discovered no rock foundation even at a depth of 180 feet below sea level, to support a dam.

It is this serious embarrassment which compels Wallace to consider plans for a sea level canal as possibly the only plan that can be carried out.

The opponents of the canal commission say that Admiral Walker spent a million dollars in investigating the two routes for a canal through Panama and Nicaragua and with many engineers at work for two years they made no reliable survey of the only serious project in connection with the Panama canal.

They accepted the French surveys, which were unreliable. There may also be some criticism of the commission for the recommendation in favor of paying \$40,000,000 for the Panama canal, members who visited the canal asserting that there is not all told \$10,000,000 worth of property there and not that much work done.

Reports on Canal Work.

Commissioner Greene and Examiner Snyder, of the Civil Service Commission, returned here to-day from a three weeks' visit to the Panama canal zone, where they went for the purpose of introducing the commission's rules for the employment of people connected with the canal.

They established a local board for the examination of skilled laborers and authorized the keeping of a local list of eligibles, and these aids they believe will be sufficient to enable the canal authorities to secure all the assistance they require.

Mr. Greene says they found a gratifying condition of health among the canal employees. There has been an average of 1,500 Americans on the isthmus for the past eight months and not one death has occurred among them.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L.L.D. Of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm, which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Kidney and Bladder Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." 25c. 50c and \$1.00. For sale at all druggists.

TWO SAD INCIDENTS OF CHRISTMAS WEEK.

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Martin Hair of Black Creek, was arrested last week on a warrant from Washington county charging him with the larceny of two hogs, but the circumstances of the case are such as to lead to the conclusion that he is in no wise guilty of the offense. He was working for another party who claimed the hogs, and still insists that they were his.—DePunak Breeze.

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FALL OF PORT ARTHUR MEANS WIPING OUT OF JAPANESE DISHONOR

(Continued from Ninth Page.)

O'clock Golden Hill, bristling with artillery, had been captured, and almost simultaneously the triumphant strains of the Kim ga yo, the Japanese national anthem, were borne up the hillside from Port Arthur itself and told the victors on the heights and their companions in arms in the town and the conquered of the western forts would have been made on the following day, but when the Japanese advanced they found that the Chinese gunners had fled.

Russia Thwarts Japan.

Before the end of the year, owing to the action of Russia, backed up by Germany and France, the emperor of Japan was compelled to hand back this hard-won point d'appui nominally to China, but, as events turned out, really to Russia herself. Within two and a half years Port Arthur had been "leased" to the czar. Great Britain obtained Weihaiwei, France got Saigon, Germany Kiaochow and Japan, the country which had revealed China's feebleness in such glaring colors to the whole world, was the only nation which had not a foot of soil on the Chinese mainland and even in Korea, which her troops had overrun, she saw Russian influence becoming day by day more powerful.

Russia's Great Labors.

Russia, though she gained Port Arthur as the long cherished warm water port, was not unmindful of the hatred with which the Japanese looked across at her progress. With feverish haste she proceeded to carry her great Siberian railway down to her new base; large sums were spent on new fortifications; a new naval scheme for providing what was hoped would be a supreme fleet for the Pacific was taken in hand; thousands of Chinese were set to work to make great docks at Port Arthur and Vladivostok, and the building of a commercial port at Dalgai was commenced; all these plans, entailing the expenditure of huge sums, were begun immediately the railway had reached the sea and the world looked on, admiring and amazed at the energy which was exhibited, the foresight which was revealed in the defensive designs, and the marvelous ease with which everything went forward.

In Manchuria to Stay.

At Vladivostok also new forts were erected and equipped; along the railway blockhouses were set up, each with a small body of soldiers; new military depots sprang up at Harbin and Mukden and elsewhere; strategic points were garrisoned on the Yalu, and even Yonampoh, in Korea itself, was seized, nominally as a commercial port; troops, however, were sent there, as everywhere.

The whole scheme for dominating not only the whole of Manchuria, but Korea and the eastern seas as well, made excellent headway. Now and again protests were raised by this power or that, but they were ignored or parried, and the work went on. Russia needed peace only until, at the earliest, the summer of 1905, and then Admiral Alexieff believed he would be prepared for any eventualities.

When all the various designs were well in hand—in fact, many of them were on the eve of completion—the Tokyo government stepped in where other powers had feared to tread and refused to be satisfied with preparatory statements. Practically Japan confessed in so many words that she knew the meaning of all the preparations, and she was determined to arrive at an arrangement before Russia was ready to put her back to the wall and fight. Thus it came about that while Admiral Alexieff was busy pushing on his scheme, believing that Japan would not dare to stand in his way that country broke off diplomatic relations. This occurred on February 6 last. Within less than twenty-four hours, without any formal declaration of war, the Japanese fleet, which had quietly rendezvoused at Suibei dockyard, had sailed and by the 8th it had seriously crippled the naval power of Russia.

Bent Her Double.

"I knew no one for four weeks when I was sick with typhoid and kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Annie Hunter, of Pittsburgh, Pa., "and when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double, and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by Electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength, and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney disorders; at all drug stores; price 50c.

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City of Mexico.—In addition to trying to lift his financial self by his bootstraps, by declaring that two 46-cent pesos, or Mexican dollars, make fully one United States dollar, President Diaz has decided to wipe the Yaqui Indians off the map of Mexico. Readers of American newspapers occasionally see reports of battles between Mexican soldiers and the Yaqui, but, in fact, the battles are pretty much of the nature of con hunts, and there seems some ground for the popular suspicion that the "war" is waged largely in the interest of certain cliques, which held the contracts for supplying the army in the field.

Mexico is full of United States money and miners, and the continued "sniping" of himself and family made the Yaqui so busy and so ugly that investments in United States money ceased and mining operations came to a standstill everywhere.

The "business world" set up a howl, and now every hamlet in Mexico is full of soldiers, preparing to go gunning in earnest for the Yaqui.

The Yaqui, of all Indians, is in a class all by himself, in that, from time immemorial, he has preserved the purity of the breed; of all other peoples one meets in Mexico, the Yaqui is pure Yaqui. He refused to hybrid with the ancient Spaniard and today he refuses to sacrifice his tribal chastity, in the slightest degree, for any consideration. Even familiarity with whiskey has failed to seduce him, and this is the supreme test, in Mexico, as elsewhere.

There are several thousand Yaqui along the Yaqui river, where they have baked their pancakes in their crockery ovens, slept in their mud huts, and fought for their native lands for hundreds of years, but it has been the smaller bands in the neighborhood of the ranches, mines and small cities that have been raising the fence with "trade," and brought vengeance of the government upon the tribe.

Few miners stir from the towns these days and any traveler caught without a strong escort is lucky to get back to civilization with his life, or he gets back with nothing else; for, if he does not kill, the Yaqui strips his captive and drives him or her naked, through the cañal to the nearest town.

A distinguished doctor and his wife reached a nearby town in this condition last week. The Yaqui especially hates Mexicans. When he catches one of the latter he usually cuts off his cheeks and the soles of his feet and then drives him through the terrible cañal.

While the Yaqui can be called barbarous in some of his tastes, nothing can surpass the sangroid of the officials who deal with him. Recently, over near Guaymas, in the state of Sonora, the Yaqui killed and horribly mutilated three young men whom they caught on riding. The authorities caught a suspected Yaqui.

They hanged him up to the limb of a tree and lowered him before death until he implicated 20 other Yaqui who were working on nearby ranches or in the mines. They put the 20 Indians up in a line and a squad of soldiers shot them.

While being shot the Yaqui never moves a muscle, but looks calmly at the guns. He seems to look upon it as his natural fate, and those who take his life do it as they would slay an ox or a chicken.

As to how many of those 20 were guilty of that murder is uncertain. Justice got the right ones, anyhow, however few they may really have been, and if justice is overfed with Yaqui once in a while, it doesn't seem to matter in Mexico.

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